

# Need brings Our Lady of Guadalupe to ‘Little Mexico’

Jannet Walsh

OCALA

First they met in a backyard. Then they moved to a humble horse stable. But for the past three years now, Hispanic Catholics in the “Little Mexico” section of rural Ocala have been celebrating Mass at the Catholic Center of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Agapito Aguirre and his wife, Estela Martinez, initially opened their backyard to Catholic services and Masses near the intersection of west Highway 40 and northwest 110th Avenue. The area is home to many Hispanics, mainly from Mexico, working at local horse farms that are scattered across Marion County’s rolling countryside.

The backyard worship continued for about five years, according to Martinez, until size forced them to move. “They didn’t have a way to go to Ocala, so the father (priest) came to her backyard,” said Wendy Guerra, 25, serving as interpreter for Martinez.

A horse stable at a local farm was the next site for the standing-room-only Masses then celebrated by Father Luis Barrera on Tuesday evenings.

Folding chairs were placed where horses normally walked to their stalls. A large sheet covered one of the barn’s entrances for the backdrop and a small cloth-covered table served as the altar. A cross hung from the ceiling. An image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was placed nearby.

“It felt like it was when Jesus



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A front view at about 8 pm after Mass at Catholic Center of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Catholic center serves as a church, education center and health clinic located in an area called “Little Mexico” in rural Ocala.

Christ was born when we were in the farm. It didn’t matter where we were,” said Guerra, interpreting for Martinez.

Martinez and her husband presented the gifts of bread and wine at Mass on a Tuesday evening last month. The location this time was the Catholic Center of Our Lady of Guadalupe, located at 11153 W. Highway 40.

When asked how she likes the newer structure, Martinez replied, “It is wonderful!”

Construction on the Catholic center, referred to in Spanish as

“*La Guadalupeana*” began in 2001 and was completed in 2002, thanks to money donated by the Hispanic families in the area. It is located on more than three acres of land, encompassing 4,480 square feet, according to the Marion County property appraiser.

The center represents one of 37 Catholic parishes, missions and pastoral centers connected to the Orlando Diocese that offer Spanish-language Masses.

One Hispanic family at the center is the Trujillos. Nicanor

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Rosa Berrios of Ocala prepares the candles in the shape of the letter “M” for Mary in front of the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Local college students to attend World Youth Day Aug. 16-21

Julie Greene

ORLANDO

Among the estimated 800,000 young people expected to participate in the 20th anniversary of World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany, next month will be at least two young adults from the Orlando Diocese. World Youth Day is set for Aug. 16-21.

Ross Gruebel of Prince of Peace Parish in Ormond Beach

and Kathleen Stopyra of Our Lady of Hope in Port Orange are attending as officers from the National Catholic Student Coalition. The NCSC is touted as the largest student-run organization in the country with more than 300 college student members and it is recognized by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Bishop Peter Rosazza from Hartford serves as the organization’s episcopal adviser.

“I’ve never gone to World Youth Day before,” said Gruebel, a graduate student from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University


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# FAITH secures support for jobs in Volusia

Julie Greene

DAYTONA BEACH

Members of Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony (FAITH) had much to smile about after the June assembly as several city commissioners in Daytona Beach and Volusia County school officials agreed to back recommendations brought forth by the organization to increase employment opportunities and reading initiatives in area schools.

More than 700 people from 18 member congregations, including 285 people from four Catholic churches, attended the June 13 assembly held at St. Paul Parish in Daytona Beach.

"We were quite pleased with how it went," said Jackie Mole, co-president of the congregation-based community-organizing group from Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Chapel in Daytona Beach.

Father Philip Egitto, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes in Daytona Beach, recently completed his term as a co-president and now serves as a vice president with the organization.

The assembly addressed four areas, including two action items in the area of unemployment and education, and acknowledgement of progress made in two other areas — namely health care and crime and drugs.

## Pushing for 'first-source' ordinance

In the area of unemployment, considered an emerging issue by FAITH, four of seven city commissioners attended the assembly and agreed to support FAITH's recommendation to draft a first-source ordinance for Daytona Beach that could be considered by the city commission as early as September.

The ordinance would be modeled after similar ordinances passed in Portland, Ore., Berkeley, Calif., and Washington, D.C. and would attempt to address the higher unemployment rate in certain sections of inner-city Daytona Beach.

Unemployment statistics taken from census tracts through the Volusia Workforce Development Board show that while citywide Daytona Beach's unemployment is below state and national averages, there are six tracts where the unemployment rate is at least double the citywide rate. In one section alone, according to FAITH's research, there is a 42.3 percent unemployment rate.

"A first-source ordinance is a link between businesses receiving public incentives and local hiring," according to a FAITH research document. "It is an agreement between the city and businesses



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**Desirae Burns, of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Daytona Beach, standing, was one of 700 people who came out June 13 to support the efforts of Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony (FAITH) to raise awareness about Volusia County's need for increased health care, education and employment opportunities.**

taking advantage of tax abatements and other incentives that mandates these businesses consider for their 'first source' of hiring, local residents."

FAITH got the four commissioners to sign a commitment letter indicating they supported the formation of a group comprised of FAITH members, city staff, the One Stop Career Center and other relevant agencies to draft the ordinance for consideration by the commission.

## Increasing Direct Instruction in schools

FAITH also got a commitment from Volusia County school officials to track the progress and expand its Direct Instruction (DI) programs within the 14 schools that already offer the program. Direct Instruction, a phonics-based reading program, is offered in several school districts across the

country. FAITH members see the program as a viable way to reduce the number of students in exceptional student education (special education classes) and increase FCAT scores. One Houston school's scores improved so quickly they were accused of cheating on assessment tests, according to Emily Small, lead organizer for FAITH. After an investigation was launched, it was determined that Direct Instruction's success was the reason for the improvement.

FAITH has put more than 28 of its members through a DI monitoring training program in an effort to help the schools track the program's success and county school officials have agreed to allow two trained monitors to make two site visits per school each year.

## Celebrating health care victories

Also during the assembly,

FAITH members took the opportunity to thank two groups for meeting FAITH's requests for action. Halifax Hospital CEO Jeff Feasel and Chairman of the Board Glenn Ritchey were thanked for improving and expanding health care to indigent patients.

As a result of the collaboration between FAITH and Halifax, the hospital now offers open enrollment for Halifax Managed Healthcare Assistance, has increased efforts to get people enrolled in the assistance program, reduced the number of eligibility documents, offered more efficient scheduling and shorter wait periods for appointments and a

primary care site is being added to the hospital's emergency room.

FAITH has asked Halifax to provide more evening and weekend hours to accommodate the working poor and has encouraged the hospital to set goals and establish standards for which they can be held accountable.

## More police detectives

FAITH organizers also celebrated the increased number of police detectives added to combat drugs and crime in Daytona Beach.

After an acrimonious period when Chief Dennis Jones was unable to initially meet a commitment he made in 2003 to put six more narcotics officers on the street, things have turned around.

In September 2004, FAITH was on hand to support Chief Jones' efforts to seek more money from the city commission in order to add five detectives. Then in April 2005, FAITH's crime and drugs committee met with Chief Jones for a six-month follow-up and learned that he had been able to add a sixth detective, thereby meeting his 2003 commitment.

Mole said persistence is the key to FAITH's success.

"I think when people realize we're not going away and what we are requesting is in the best interests of the community as a whole, then people get behind what we're trying to do."

"It's a time to be excited about where we've come from and where we're going. They are indeed community issues and congregation issues that we support," Mole said. "We'll continue to bring issues to the table, work on the ones we've got and will keep moving forward to improve our community."

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**Kathy Bond, of Our Lady of Lourdes in Daytona Beach, asks questions about education needs to Deputy Superintendent Dr. Chris Colwell at the June FAITH assembly at St. Paul Catholic Church in Daytona Beach.**



# Former campus ministry president offers service to God, country

Therese M. Aloia

ORLANDO

For the students involved with Catholic Campus Ministry at the University of Central Florida, service is synonymous with living their faith. As chaplain of the campus ministry since August 2004, Father Stephen Parkes saw such a spirit of service firsthand in Andrew Boyd.

"He is an exceptional young man of faith, a good defender of the faith and very willing to share and explain it to others. He loves the Catholic faith and wants everyone to fall in love with it as well," said Father Parkes, who also serves as pastor of Most Precious Blood Parish in Oviedo.

It is this same dedicated spirit which underlies Boyd's commitment to his country.

One of eight brothers and sisters, Boyd's decision to join the military found its roots in his love for God and for others. Although a liking for the outdoors and hunting began during childhood, it was in the course of his sophomore year at UCF that Boyd assumed his place in the Army ROTC program. "I wanted to serve my country," explained Boyd.

Various events and activities allowed students associated with Catholic campus ministry to put their love for others into action. Boyd was involved, in part, as president, but also because of his commitment to service. "He was a motivator for us to start the service ministry and an encouragement to continue," explained Kristina Graczyk, an elementary education major at UCF and the 2005-2006



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BOYD FAMILY

**Andrew Boyd takes part in his swearing-in ceremony as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army in May.**

hospitality coordinator for CCM. "His commitment to service at CCM and in college definitely influenced his commitment to his country."

During 2004-2005, Graczyk, along with fellow member Nicole Muser, teamed up to ensure successful organization of service opportunities.

Michael Rosario, current music ministry coordinator for Catholic campus ministry and UCF graduate student, admired Boyd's commitment to perfecting his guitar skills.

"[Boyd] believed the music ministry could flourish and we're seeing the fruits of it in how music impacts people here at (Catholic Campus Ministry) and UCF," he said. "Andrew practiced and worked hard over two years becoming on par with 'Jars of Clay.'"

A CCM event titled "Jam for the Lamb," put on by the music ministry, included the combined talents of Rosario, Boyd and others as they performed on

the UCF campus during the last academic year.

During Boyd's time on the campus ministry board, praying outside a local abortion clinic became a frequent service activity for student members. Deeply pro-life, Boyd's example strengthened and encouraged fellow students to serve valiantly. "I never thought I would be blessed with the courage to serve as the voice of the silent," explained Graczyk. "Andrew's example gave inspiration that the Lord would bless me with courage."

The rich legacy of the Catholic Church is filled with men and women who witness to God through their lives of service. "Andrew Boyd will do great evangelizing during his time in the military," said Father Parkes, **See UCF, Page A6**

## ■ GUADALUPE

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Trujillo and his wife, Patricia, live in "Little Mexico" with their sons Juan, 7, and Nick, 2. Nicanor Trujillo does maintenance work at a local horse farm.

The couple takes English lessons for Spanish speakers at the center, while their older son learns at school. Originally from Guerrero, Mexico, the family moved to the United States in 1987 and has lived in the Ocala area for three years.

"The Catholic beliefs and the faith of La Guadalupe are very important," said Nicanor Trujillo, speaking in English. He said that the rural area of "Little Mexico" is very quiet and great for raising his children.

The center resembles the Alamo, which is no mistake. Sketches of the Alamo were used to recreate the adobe-colored structure, complete with a small bell over the main entrance and a tiled roof. Cuban-born Miguel A. Ferrer, 72, of Ocala, said he was one of many who volunteered their talents for the center, originally a project of Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, in Ocala.

In one large room there is an altar, three etched-glass windows and a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The floor resembles large Mexican tiles.

There is also a small kitchen, office and a closet for vestments and other items. A wood-and-glass display case serves as a gift shop, with religious articles for sale.

Father Alfonso Cely, 37, originally from Bogotá, Colombia, assisted at times by Deacon Eddie Berrios, now runs the Hispanic Ministry at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church and the Catholic Center of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A Catholic priest for four years, Father Cely



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**Left to right, Nicanor Trujillo holds his son Nick Trujillo, age 2, while son Juan Trujillo, age 9, sings along with wife Patricia Trujillo, all of the "Little Mexico" area in Ocala. The family is originally from Guerrero, Mexico, and has lived in the United States since 1987, three years in Ocala. They attend Mass at Catholic Center of Our Lady of Guadalupe.**

has been in the United States for 18 months, moving here to work for the diocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry.

He started his English studies in Colombia, but continues learning on the job, switching between Spanish and English several times a day. He calls the English dictionary on his desk at Blessed Trinity his other bible. He celebrates Mass in English at the parish when needed.

Father Cely celebrates a Spanish Mass for 900 people at 12:30 p.m. each Sunday. He also celebrates Masses in Spanish at La Guadalupe on Tuesdays and Sundays at 7 p.m. On Sundays the Mass is packed with 120 or more people, while Tuesdays have slightly less attendance.

"The most beautiful thing is that La Guadalupe is a Catholic center," said Father Cely. English classes are offered to adults at no

cost. A free clinic is available every third Thursday of every month, with a local doctor and medical staff who volunteer their time and talents.

Personal counseling, support and prayer groups and a few other religious activities take place at the center, along with religious education and sacramental preparation classes.

Father Cely provides spiritual guidance to residents in "Little Mexico." As soon as he arrives at the Catholic center before the evening Mass, he is often asked for guidance and then hears confessions in the office.

After Mass everyone is greeted as they depart with handshakes or hugs.

"I need to preach. This is my work, my vocation and my life — to preach the good news to everybody," said Father Cely. "God

called to me one day in my life to go to another country to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and announce the good news. This is really important for my soul and myself, too."

Teams are being prepared to go door to door to give out information packets about the services offered at the center.

Other projects pending include adding an outdoor Stations of the Cross, a "mysteries of the rosary" walk, and a replica of the Fountain of the Virgin retreats will also be offered at the center. Father Cely will lead a pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City in 2006.

Aguirre and Martinez gathered the sheep in their "Little Mexico" backyard that became part of Father Cely's calling to be a shepherd of souls. "We are his sheep and he is our shepherd," said Ferrer.

## Diocese reaches out to growing Hispanic population

Jannet Walsh

OCALA

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Center, or "La Guadalupe," in Ocala is only the newest of outreach centers connected to the Orlando Diocese that caters almost exclusively to Hispanic Catholics.

The other three sites are Centro Guadalupano Mission in Wahneta, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Mission in Fort Meade and San José Mission in Barbersville. Another 32 parishes in the diocese offer Spanish-language Masses.

The Southeast Regional Office of Hispanic Ministry of the Southeastern Pastoral Institute in Miami, an organization that assists Catholic bishops with Hispanic communities, noted that in 2002 there were 387,613 Hispanics, with roughly 70 percent of them being Catholic, living in the Orlando Diocese.

Using 2000 census data and projections for the diocese's nine counties, 2005 estimates bring the Hispanic population to 482,050, with 337,430 estimated to be Catholic, whether practicing or not.

According to a December 2004 press release from the National Catholic Educational Association, there are 4,000 U.S. Catholic parishes across the nation that have a Hispanic ministry. Hispanic parishioners were said to represent the majority in 20.6 percent of parishes in the nation.

The percentage of U.S. Catholics who are Hispanic is estimated at 39 percent, with an estimated population of 35.3 million Hispanics in the United States.



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## In time of storms, pray for calm

This year's hurricane season has already proven to be as frightening as last year's — not even the end of July and already five named storms! So we would do well to continue to "storm" heaven with our prayers. We ask God to avert any storms from inflicting any harm on us or our loved ones here in central Florida. And, of course, we pray for those who have found themselves in the path of this year's hurricanes.

When faced with our misfortunes or those of others, we can be tempted to ask ourselves, "What did we do or what did these people do to deserve this?" Once in his ministry, Jesus spoke of the Galileans whom Pilate had executed. And he spoke of those killed when the tower of Siloam collapsed (Lk 13: 1-9). Jesus warns us not to see these events as somehow the wrath of an angry God. Evil came into the world not by God's willing it, but through the devil and human sin. Jesus says in the Gospel, don't think that those Galileans were the biggest sinners around. Don't think that those who died in the tower were guiltier than anyone else.

The tragedies that Jesus spoke about, whether man-made or acts of nature, are as contemporary as our morning newspaper. Each day, we read about victims of war or poverty. Each day, we can see on our TV screens those displaced by natural disasters; whether these disasters occurred up the road like Hurricane

Dennis earlier this month or in faraway lands like the tsunami last year.

Today, and indeed from the beginning of our exile from Eden, we experience this world as a "valley of tears." We live in a fallen and thus imperfect world. And oftentimes the forces of nature — earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes and other natural disasters — can suggest that our planet itself is "in rebellion" against the original order of a loving Creator God. And that rebellion seen in nature, from the perspective of

faith, can be said to mirror the rebellion of the human heart.

Of course, many times, we do suffer because of our bad choices. The Scriptures do say the wages of sin is death. And, in one way, as sons and daughters of Adam and Eve who lost for themselves and for us the original blessings of paradise, we experience that rebellion of nature because of their bad choice — their original sin of turning away from God which made all of creation "subject to futility" (Rom 8:20).

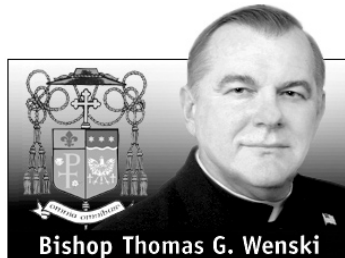
As followers of Jesus, we cannot rush to blame victims for the evil visited upon them, nor can we blame God whom Scripture reveals as all loving and all merciful. That doesn't mean we will come to an easy understanding of why bad things happen to good people. Most times we will have to wait with the patience of Job to learn the answers to those questions, which God will tell us surely, but not necessarily on this

side of heaven.

Jesus, however, does give us an insight into how God deals with the tragedies that afflict us. Rather than distancing himself from those he made stewards of his creation who by choosing to do evil have brought suffering and death into the world, God draws nearer to us. And, in Christ, the word became flesh. God became man; rather than distancing himself from people and their tragedies, he draws close to them. From the cross, he stands in solidarity with all the pain experienced by us in our fallenness.

One of the most compelling scenes of the Gospel is that of Jesus being awoken in the boat by his frightened apostles in the midst of a storm (Mt 8: 23-27). Jesus calms the storm by rebuking the rain and the wind, but he also rebukes the disciples for their lack of faith. This year, because of our experience of last year's storms, we are understandably more anxious every time a new tropical depression forms off the West African coast. Like the apostles, we cry out, "Save us, Lord."

Yes, we rightly pray that God may spare us from nature's fury. But, in the face of trial and tribulation, we also ask God to strengthen our faith by calming the storms of anxiety and fear that rage within our hearts. We know that God can bring good out of evil. Indeed, the many acts of solidarity — of neighbor helping neighbor — are eloquent witnesses to what God's providence inspires in the hearts of men and women of good will. Strengthened in faith, we will not be overcome by any adversity but will overcome evil, whether physical or moral, with good.



Bishop Thomas G. Wenski

## Retired priest dies in Volusia County

ORMOND BY THE SEA

Father Joseph A. Nolin, a retired diocesan priest who lived in Ormond Beach, died July 10 at Avante Nursing Home where he had been residing for the past few months. He was 82.

Father Nolin was born Sept. 6, 1922, in St. Johnsbury, Vt. He entered the order of Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette in 1943 and attended the order's minor and major seminaries in Attleboro, Mass., where he received a bachelor of arts and master's degrees in French literature.

He was ordained in 1949 at St. Mary Cathedral in Fall River, Mass., by Bishop John Connolly. From 1949 to 1968, he served in several positions with the La Salette order, including provincial procurator for La Salette Foreign Missions, teacher and dean of discipline at the minor seminary in Enfield, N.H., and founding pastor of Our Lady of the Cape in Cape Cod, Mass.

Father Nolin moved to the Diocese of Orlando in 1968, the same year it was founded, and was incardinated as a diocesan priest after leaving the La Salette Order.

In his 24 years as an active priest in the Orlando Diocese, Father Nolin served as an associate pastor at St. Brendan Parish in

Ormond Beach and pastor at Holy Redeemer in Kissimmee, St. Peter in Deland, Prince of Peace in Ormond Beach and rector at St. James Cathedral.

Father Nolin also held several diocesan leadership positions, including serving as the diocese's first director of ecumenism and serving as dean for the Northern, Eastern and Central deaneries, respectively.

He was credited with initiating the Cursillo movement in the Orlando Diocese and led the apostolate throughout the 1980s.

He formally retired in 1992, but continued to assist at Prince of Peace for several years. He was a member of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

Visitation and Mass of Christian Burial for Father Nolin were held July 13 and 14 at Prince of Peace Parish in Ormond Beach. Interment will take place at Mount Calvary Cemetery, St. Johnsbury, Vt., at a later date.

Father Nolin was preceded in death by his parents, John and Marie, and a brother, Jules. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Marie Nolin, of Fairfax, Va., and two nieces and three nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette, 947 Park St., Attleboro, MA 02703.



Father Joseph A. Nolin

## Office of the Bishop: Official appointments

*Bishop Thomas Wenski is pleased to announce the following appointments:  
Effective July 5, 2005:*



**Father Alejandro Baumann** to parochial vicar of St. Francis of Assisi, Apopka.  
*Effective Aug. 1, 2005:*

**Father Martin D. Gerber** to

parochial vicar at St. James Cathedral, Orlando.

**Father Poulouse V. Nadamkuzhy, SJ**, to parochial vicar at St. Teresa Parish, Titusville.

**Father Augustine Clark, OSB**, from parochial vicar at St. Teresa Parish, Titusville, to parochial vicar of Holy Cross Parish, Orlando.

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# Catholic summer programs benefit parish, community

Debra Tomaselli

ORLANDO

Catholic summer camp programs are not only fun and educational, but are a great educational tool for the community.

## Catholic camp offers avenue for evangelization

As her Bible-study group discussed evangelization, Karen Malatesta was driven to re-establish a Catholic summer day camp at St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Altamonte Springs.

Together with Adele Bruno, she coordinated the summer program and enlisted volunteers to make "Kids4Jesus" happen. And when Malatesta's young niece participated in the program, returned home, peered through a magnifying glass and said, "Mommy, I see Jesus in you," Malatesta knew the program had far-reaching effects.

Sharing the good news in word and deed is one of the goals of a well-run Catholic summer day camp, where kids break the summer doldrums and continue religious education in a fun, social and entertaining environment.

"We evangelize the family through the children," said Michele Mazelin, a leader in St. Mary Magdalen's program. "Adults won't come for a week, but kids will. The kids are going home and telling the stories to families over dinner."

Roseann Vickers, director of religious education at St. John Neumann Parish in Lakeland, said many participants are regular parishioners, but some are not. They attend at the invitation of friends or relatives.

"We say grace and by the end of the week, even the little ones are blessing themselves before snack time," she said.

In St. John Neumann's program, "Serengeti Trek: Where Kids Are Wild About God" (Harcourt Religion's Catholic edition of Group Publishing's program), children



COURTESY PHOTO

**Macey Graham, 5, learns a little carpentry during Catholic summer day camp at St. Mary of the Lakes in Eustis earlier this summer. "The Holy Land Adventure" program is one of several programs offered by religious publishers to assist parishes in providing a summer curriculum for young people.**

decorate an acacia tree with leaves to represent acts of kindness. "The kids clamor to get more leaves as they do more good deeds," Vickers said. "By the end of the week, the foliage will be quite lush."

During her tenure, Vickers has witnessed ongoing conversion. "The children come back year after year and you can see them incorporate into their lives the virtues they learn," she added. "It's very heartwarming."

## Catholic summer day camp builds community

"Another benefit of Catholic summer day camp is that it builds community," said Jane Pichette, coordinator of the summer program at St. Mary of the Lakes in Eustis. "People and kids are more apt to become involved in parish life after getting to know each other. And Catholic summer day camp is good because it is something they enjoy."

Catholic summer programs connect kids and religious education throughout the year, in fun and creative ways. Many participants who feel inadequate to teach a religious education course have no problem volunteering for Catholic summer day camp, Pichette said.

St. Mary of the Lakes offered a weeklong program titled "The Holy Land Adventure," by Group Publishing. Parish property served as a synagogue, village playground and ancient marketplace. Participants wore tunics typical of the era. People of all ages were urged to attend.

"It engaged a tremendous number of persons to help with supplies, talents and skills as basket weavers, jewelry makers, pottery designers and bread bakers. Many of our retired parishioners contributed supplies or volunteered for an activity," said Pichette. "We put an emphasis on getting people involved, even if just for a day."

Catholic summer day camp engages middle- and high-school students and provides ongoing religious education.

Most Catholic summer day camp curricula are designed for children in kindergarten through fifth grade, but the weeklong activities engage all age groups. Parishes often include teens as classroom assistants or group leaders and assign them to present dramatizations of daily Scripture.

Malatesta said of St. Mary Magdalen's assistants, "I love having teen helpers because they also get something out of it. They really do learn, just by the fact that they are here." High school students earn required community service hours through Catholic summer day camp.

## Mission accomplished

Malatesta is encouraged by the results of her program.

On the last day of Catholic summer day camp this year, parents joined their campers for a pizza lunch. Kids giggled, chased new friends, displayed arts and crafts and sang religious songs. Overhead, a PowerPoint presentation created by 13-year-old John Haddock flashed highlights of the weeklong camp, complemented by lively music.

To create the piece, John participated in opening prayer, photographed outdoor games, indoor arts, and sing-alongs. He developed creative abilities and leadership skills, but more importantly, he absorbed valuable lessons centered on his Catholic faith. What did he think of the week? "It was awesome," he said.

Zachary Graham, also 13, enjoyed his experience at St. Mary of the Lakes. "It's not just telling us how much God loves us, it's about what God did and what happened," he said.

*See related story on Catholic summer day camp curricula available to parishes and schools.*

# Publishers offer wide range of curricula

Debra Tomaselli

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

Many publishers offer Catholic summer day camp curricula. Based on a central theme, plans provide related music, crafts, prayers, snacks and dramatizations for each day. Pre-planning is minimized and organizers can prepare four to six weeks in advance.

"Most Catholic summer day camp curricula are basically Protestant programs adapted for Catholic churches," said Adele Bruno, co-coordinator of Catholic summer day camp at St. Mary Magdalen, in Altamonte Springs. "We wanted one that was totally Catholic."

They chose Catholic Kids Net, also known as Kids4Jesus (K4J). The organization publishes a Catholic summer day camp program called "Missionaries in Motion."

Michele Mazelin, a teacher at St. Mary Magdalen's Catholic summer day camp program, loved the syllabus. "The difference in using a Christian-based course is subtle language — it says church instead of parish, or minister rather than pastor. But a Catholic curriculum offers the fullness of our faith, by addressing topics like the saints, Mary and the Eucharist."

Mazelin's classroom featured foot-tapping music, captivating storytelling and fascinating graphics to share scriptural stories. "Mary was the first tabernacle," Mazelin said. "Where in the world is our tabernacle?" she asked. "Let's go searching!"

The students grabbed flashlights, jumped to their feet and followed a spying Mazelin to the church — searching for the red sanctuary lamp.

Catholic summer day camp curricula are available online and may be found in local bookstores. Listed below are several options:

Catholic programs:

Catholic Kids Net, <http://www.catholickidsnet.org/CatholicSummerDayCamp.aspx>.

This program has received an imprimatur from Archbishop Henry J. Mansell of Hartford, Conn., who states that it properly emphasizes the "Catechism of the Catholic Church."

Harcourt Religion's edition of Group Publishing's "Serengeti Trek: Where Kids are Wild About God," customized for Catholic parishes, [harcourtreligion.com](http://harcourtreligion.com).

This program has received an imprimatur from Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Denver.

Liguori, "Kingdom of the Son," [www.liguori.org](http://www.liguori.org); 1-800-325-9521 ext. 1406.

# Catholic summer camp program targets heavenly goals

Debra Tomaselli

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

In his first week of priesthood, Father Jorge Torres stepped into a classroom of divine providence.

Excited chatter filled the room as teachers and children gathered together at St. Mary Magdalen Parish Catholic summer day camp for the presentation. "All week long we've been talking about Father Jorge and vocations to the priesthood," said Karen Malatesta, co-coordinator of the program. The children read a prayer, presented an oversized handmade card that thanked Father Torres, then presented him with the Mass kit.

Just weeks before Torres's ordination, women from St. Anne Circle of the Council of Catholic

Women at St. Mary Magdalen Parish were studying curricula for a Catholic summer day camp. Planners selected Catholic Kid's Net, a Catholic summer day camp program that suggested campers donate monies to purchase a Mass kit for a missionary priest.

Adele Bruno, co-coordinator of the program knew priests were responsible for acquiring their own Mass kits, which include a chalice, paten, ciborium, crucifix, candles and related items packaged in a carrying case so a priest can say Mass while traveling.

"A missionary priest would be a great idea," thought Bruno, "but wouldn't it be nice to give it to somebody we know?" She couldn't shake the name of Jorge Torres, the

seminarian who had served at their parish and would soon be ordained. When Bruno finally voiced her idea, everybody agreed — Father Torres would be the recipient of the Mass kit.

Meanwhile, Father Torres had been wondering how he could get a Mass kit before an impending trip to Jerusalem. With all the responsibilities surrounding ordination, he hadn't had time to consider ordering one. He needed the Mass kit, but nobody knew. He hadn't breathed a word of it to anyone.

Bruno called him with the news. "When I heard the Catholic summer day camp children were providing me with a Mass kit, I was totally moved," Father Torres said,

"especially because the dates lined up perfectly." Father Torres was ordained June 4, just before the Catholic summer day camp began, received the Mass kit during that week and departed for the Holy Land the following Monday (June 12).

The young priest thanked the children. "This gift will be so meaningful because it is from you," he said. He told them he hoped to offer Mass in the place where Jesus celebrated the Last Supper and offered to pray for them.

"I couldn't imagine how I would have gone to Jerusalem without a Mass kit," Father Torres added, as he welcomed the gift. "This is another example of how I have to sit back and trust that God will provide."



# Catholic mother and daughter receive doctoral degrees in education

Julie Greene

ORLANDO

Barbara Brugman of Holy Redeemer Parish in Kissimmee and her married daughter, Rena Granholm, a 1995 Bishop Moore High School graduate, share more than a common bloodline.

Both women share a penchant for education and learning, which put them in a position to complete both their master's and doctoral degrees in education together from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale. Brugman's doctorate is in educational leadership and Granholm's is in organizational leadership.

"I'm thrilled to pieces that we (were) able to go through this together," said Brugman, who has spent the last 10 years teaching in several Orange and Osceola County public schools.

Nova is known for its online degree programs, but even officials there recognized the uniqueness of the mother-daughter team by arranging to robe the two

women together when they jointly received their doctorates during this summer's commencement ceremonies. To top it off, both graduated with matching 4.0 grade point averages.

"They contacted us and asked if it was OK for us to be robed together since it was unique for them to have both a mother and daughter receiving their doctorates, especially from the same school," said Brugman. "They wanted to recognize it."

Brugman served as a role model for her daughter and older son Jason, an Air Force Academy graduate and captain in the U.S. Air Force. While her children were still in school, Brugman, with the full support of her husband, returned to the classroom to earn her college degree.

"She worked really hard," said Granholm in a telephone interview from her Virginia home where she lived prior to commencement with her husband, an Air Force pilot. "She studied a lot but she still



COURTESY PHOTO

**Barbara Brugman, right, of Holy Redeemer in Kissimmee and her daughter, Rena Granholm, a 1995 Bishop Moore High School graduate, each received their doctorates in education from Nova Southeastern University last month thanks to the south Florida school's online degree**

managed to be there for us. She taught me a lot about discipline and time management."

Her daughter, who she said was always lending a hand to educators at St. John Vianney Catholic School while a student there, equally inspired Brugman.

"She was a born teacher," said Brugman. "She worked with second-graders when she was in middle school. Whenever Sister Trinita (principal at the time) asked her to do anything, she'd jump at the chance."

In 1989, Brugman completed a bachelor of science in business administration, finance and human resources through the Orlando satellite campus of Florida Southern College in Lakeland.

She went to work for the Florida

Department of Revenue in 1991, but by 1995 — the same year her daughter graduated from Bishop Moore High School — Brugman left to pursue a teaching career, initially teaching business education courses in Orange County public schools.

After graduating from Bishop Moore High School, Granholm spent two years at the Air Force Academy and met her future husband. She decided to leave the Air Force to pursue teaching.

Granholm decided to pursue her undergraduate and graduate degrees at Nova since it had both an Orlando campus as well as online degree programs, which would make it possible for her to continue her studies after her marriage when extensive travel might be required.

By 1999, both Granholm and Brugman were on their way toward earning their master's degrees in education — Granholm in math education and Brugman in educational leadership. They even took a few courses together.

"We went to the Orlando campus when it was on Wymore (now located near Millennia Mall)," said Brugman. "There was a lot of studying and writing and we enjoyed commuting together when we could."

Both women have their own teaching styles, but appreciate each other's differences.

After finishing their master's degree programs within months of each other and going through NSU's 2000 commencement ceremonies, both began considering the university's online doctoral degree program.

Over the next few years, Granholm moved to Virginia with her husband and worked with at-risk students while Brugman continued her progress in moving from teaching positions to leadership positions.

Work on their doctorates posed challenges at times, but it appears to be something both women thrive on. Since commencement, the Granholms have moved to South Carolina where Rena is considering teaching college. Brugman continues to work in Osceola County public schools and focuses on leadership training and programs to curb school violence.

"Prayer and hard work," said Brugman of what got her through the challenges of schooling while holding down a full-time job and caring for her family. "I believed God was going to get me through it."

## ■ UCF

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"especially since being a disciple means to follow Christ wherever you go."

"God gives the grace to follow him. Wherever I am, there will be other Catholics, chaplains and programs that will strengthen me and my faith," said Boyd, illustrating his strong trust in divine providence.

Reflecting on his experience at Catholic campus ministry prior to leaving for his commission, Boyd recalled, "I learned how to respect others' opinions and their efforts into projects, to be sensitive to those who put in a lot of effort and make sure they feel appreciated."

"It is awesome to see how it has grown," Boyd said of the campus ministry's growth over the past two years.

Over the next four years, Boyd

will serve in the Army Corps of Engineers. "I'm looking forward to adulthood," said Boyd, "life after college and continuing to answer the question, 'What does God want me to do?'"

As Boyd continues his walk with Christ as a soldier, he is assured of the support of his many friends at UCF and the blessing of his family's love. "My family is very proud and supportive," said Boyd.

Catholic Campus Ministry at UCF continues its work for God in the service of others with the time and talents of its members.

Muser, 2005-2006 service coordinator for campus ministry, is confident the future vision of service events will keep a strong focus on "being the hands and feet of Christ."

*The Orlando Diocese offers Catholic campus ministry programs at UCF, Embry Riddle, Rollins College, Florida Southern and Stetson University. For details, call 407-246-4875.*

pastoral action" that goes beyond existing programs offered by the church, said the statement released by the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers. In a six-page document released July 10, the Vatican council offered several recommendations for a plan of action on how the church could do more to combat the global trafficking industry. The document and its recommendations came out of the Vatican's first international meeting June 20-21 on "The Pastoral Care for the Liberation of Street Women." — CNS

## Polk County interfaith action group seeks to improve education

Anne Klockenkemper

LAKELAND

Thanks to the efforts of the Polk Ecumenical Action Council for Empowerment (PEACE), school and government leaders have committed to increase and expand education and health care initiatives for low-income and marginalized residents in the area.

PEACE is a congregation-based local organizing committee made up of various churches in the Polk County area. Three Catholic parishes are involved in the council: St. Ann Parish in Haines City, and St. Joseph Parish and Church of the Resurrection, both in Lakeland.

On the education side, Dr. Gail McKinzie Polk County's superintendent of schools, has agreed to broaden and expand the current reading curriculum on a countywide basis. The new initiative

will target low-income students who have little or no reading ability.

On the health-care side, County Commissioner Bob English and two other commissioners sent letters to PEACE agreeing to back the organization's request to improve indigent health care in Polk County.

The health care initiative proposes the county build one clinic each year for the next five years, in the hopes of providing care for up to 45,000 low-income Polk County residents.

The projected clinics, which will be open evenings and weekends and have bilingual staff, will be in various locations around the county. Currently, sites in Lakeland, Haines City and Auburndale are being considered.

Both the education and health care support agreements, which had

been adopted by PEACE members at the annual assembly in January, were announced at its annual action assembly in May. An estimated 800 people attended that assembly.

Among those attending the action assembly were PEACE co-chairman Father Chris Hoffmann, pastor of St. Ann, and 85 of his parishioners; Father John Caulfield, pastor of St. Joseph, and 75 members of his congregation; and Father Matt Mello of Church of the Resurrection.

PEACE, which is partially funded through the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, will hold its next annual assembly in December. At that time, a new issue on which to focus for 2006 will be chosen.

*For more information on Catholic Campaign for Human Development initiatives in the Orlando Diocese, call Deborah Stafford Shearer at 407-246-4819.*

## News briefs

### Vatican: Church must play bigger role fighting trafficking of women

The church needs to play a larger role in the global fight against the trafficking of women and girls into the sex trade, said a Vatican document. Given the "dramatic increase in the number of women and girls who are sexually exploited" around the world, there is "an urgent need for



## News briefs

### Co-founder of adult and child-care program receives nursing honor

Helen C. Schefstad, a co-founder of St. Mary Magdalen's Adult and Child Care Center, was recently awarded the 2005 Mercy School of Nursing Alumni of Distinction Award from her alma mater in Iowa.

Schefstad graduated from Mercy School of Nursing in Iowa City, Iowa, in 1950. She later worked as a charge nurse on a psychiatric ward at the Mental Health Institute in Independence, as a post-op nurse at the University of Iowa and as an operating room nurse at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City.

Since 1971, Schefstad has ministered to the sick and homebound at St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Altamonte Springs. In 1987, she and her husband, Dr. W.J. Schefstad, celebrated the dedication of St. Mary Magdalen's Adult and Child Day Care Center, an idea they conceived of six years earlier, according to their daughter Theresa Schefstad of St. Petersburg.

Helen Schefstad was previously recognized by the Bishop Moore High School Home and School Association for the volunteer

hours she had generously given to the school. In 1996, both she and her husband were inducted into Bishop Moore's Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Schefstads have eight children, 11 grandchildren (and another on the way) and four great-grandchildren.

### Parish to commemorate 60th anniversary of Japan bombings

In remembrance of the innocent lives lost during the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, St. Margaret Mary Parish in Winter Park will hold a Taizé prayer service at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 9, the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki.

Mary Ann Gilbert, coordinator for social justice activities at the parish, said Taizé prayer services are held several times a year at the parish to mark special events within the church calendar year.

The service "is taking place specifically to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki," she said, "to remember the innocent who lost their lives, to pray for peace and reconciliation among peoples of the world and to pray for an end of nuclear arms proliferation."

A Taizé prayer service usually incorporates a combination of

intercessions, Psalm readings, songs and intercessions appropriate for the occasion.

The Aug. 9 event is expected to conclude with the "Prayer around the Cross." In "Songs and Prayers from Taizé" (a resource from the Taizé Community, published in the United States), it says, "Prayer around the Cross is a way of expressing an invisible communion not only with the crucified Jesus but with all who suffer — all the victims of abandonment, abuse, discrimination, or torture. Those who wish may come up to the cross to pray ... as a sign that they are entrusting to Christ all that burdens them as well as the difficulties of other people, both those known personally and those who are far away but are part of the same human family. This prayer reminds us that now, risen from the dead, Christ accompanies every human being in his or her suffering, even when his presence is not recognized."

For more information, contact Gilbert or Charles Thatcher at 407-647-3392.

### Seminarians to gather for first-ever convocation July 26-28

Eleven of the 17 men preparing for priesthood for the Orlando Diocese will come together July 26-28 for the diocese's first-ever Seminarian Convocation at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center in Winter Park.

"We thought this would be a good way to bring the guys together and especially welcome the new ones and allow them to get to know each other and assist them in their transition to seminary life," said Father Miguel Gonzalez, diocesan director of vocations.

This fall, the diocese will send five new seminarians to St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami and one new seminarian to St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary

in Boynton Beach.

Father Charlie Mitchell, pastor at St. Mary Magdalen in Altamonte Springs, will be a keynote speaker at the July convocation.

Since the seminarians are being included in the diocesan synod, Marilyn Blanchette, diocesan director of stewardship, and Mark Dollhopf, executive director of the Catholic Development Group who is serving as key facilitator for the synod, will also meet with the seminarians during the convocation.

The new seminarians are: Dominic Buckley, St. Andrew Parish in Orlando; Peter Dionne and Daniel Ensell, St. Mary Parish in Rockledge; Benjamin Lahnertz, Holy Name of Jesus in Indialantic; James Sternberg, St. James Cathedral in Orlando; German Jimenez, Mexico.

For more information on vocations, contact Father Gonzalez at 407-246-4875 or 407-246-4876.

## ■ WYD

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in Daytona Beach who serves as the international chairperson on NCSC's executive board. "For students to be able to network with other college students throughout the world is great. We'll get a real sense of what it is to be Catholic — going to Mass in another language and realize it's still the same Mass."

Stopyra is a student at the University of Florida and is attending as the public relations chairwoman for NCSC.

World Youth Day is targeted for teens and young adults ages 16 to 30 and was initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1984 as a way to bring the message of evangelization to young people. His efforts are being continued by Pope Benedict XVI, who is expected to celebrate Mass Aug. 21. This year's theme is "We come to worship him."

Gruebel said World Youth Day and the pope's participation have been a big topic among our NCSC members. "Since Pope John Paul II started this, we think it's great that our new pope is continuing the tradition."

NCSC will send 11 college students from the United States and two from Canada to join up with its parent organization — the International Movement of

Catholic Students, located in Paris. The international movement will escort the college students from Paris to U-Bonn, Germany, where the group will be based during World Youth Day.

"We'll be staying at a high school in U-Bonn, which is near Cologne and they'll be transporting us by bus or train to where we need to go," said Gruebel. Prior to World Youth Day activities in Cologne, the students will be taking part in the Days of the Dioceses in U-Bonn. There will be time for prayer, service and socializing.

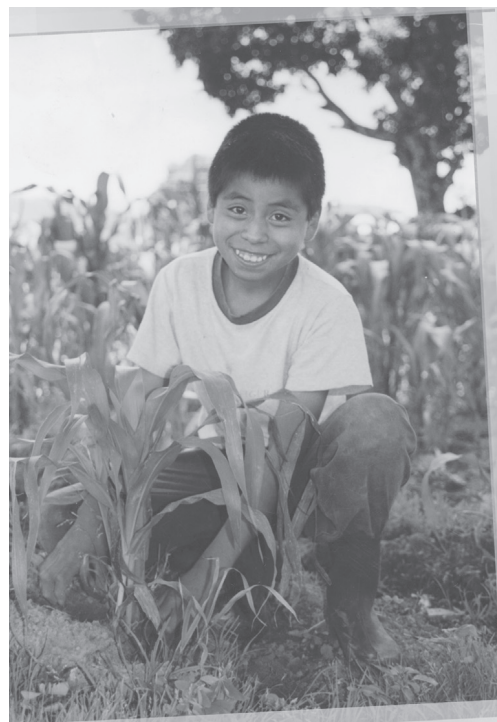
All will be unique opportunities to experience the universal church.

"A lot of other college students are going, but with their individual dioceses," said Gruebel. "We hope to meet up with some of them while we're there, but with so many people, it won't be easy."

This year's event marks the 11th international gathering of young people.

While Gruebel is excited about meeting the pope and has traveled overseas at various times, he is looking forward to seeing some of the unique religious offerings Cologne has to offer, including Cologne Cathedral which is the seat for the relics of the Magi.

"They are coordinating a pilgrimage for the students similar to that of the three Wise Men," said Gruebel.



*Antonio has developed a measure of self-esteem that will carry him into a future that is as bright as his smile. Sponsorship helps ensure Antonio an opportunity for an education, offering hope that the cycle of poverty will be broken when he grows up and starts a family of his own.*

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# 2 Barry satellite programs to share Orlando site

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ORLANDO

For the past several years, Barry University Law School's Orlando campus has drawn the lion's share of publicity when it comes to the Catholic university's presence in central Florida.

Nearly hidden have been the university's School of Adult and Continuing Education (ACE) and the Adrian School of Education, both of which offer flexibility to working professionals seeking bachelor's degrees and graduate education and certification opportunities in central Florida and surrounding counties.

In fact, the two lesser-known schools recently agreed to come together to share some space and resources. The School of Adult and Continuing Education is preparing to move from its storefront location on University Drive to the Adrian Dominican School of Education's Orlando Campus at 2000 N. Alafaya Trail in east Orlando.

"We were wanting to expand our offerings in Orlando and we're growing out of our space here," said Lynn Grant, regional director of the ACE program covering central Florida, from her satellite office on University Drive.

The Alafaya Trail location is relatively new for the school of education as well, having only moved into the professional park less than a year ago initially taking up a 10,000-square-foot suite.

"We moved here the same day Charlie hit — Aug. 13," said Sister Julia Hutchison, SND, who spoke



TFC PHOTO BY JULIE GREENE

**Barry University's Adrian Dominican School of Education's Orlando campus and its School of Adult and Continuing Education (ACE) program will soon be sharing facilities on Alafaya Trail.**

with *The Florida Catholic* just days before leaving her position as associate dean in charge of the school of education's Orlando campus for the past three years. "We were initially housed on Colonial Drive (since 1999) with the law school and had been overshadowed there. We moved out here because the law school needed space."

Sister Hutchison and the faculty, including her interim successor Katharina Eeltink, Ph.D., believe it was a blessing in disguise. With ACE coming in, the Barry satellite campus is increasing by more than 4,000 square feet.

Grant hopes the expansion will be completed by Aug. 4 when the fall term begins.

ACE was the first of Barry's 11 schools to offer courses to those living in the Orlando Diocese.

It began offering specialized courses in information technology in 1982 to those connected to the space industry in Merritt Island. By 1991 it had expanded into Orlando beginning with a site at the Florida Mall Business Center.

Today Grant, who is based at the university's Merritt Island campus, oversees all six satellite campuses, including the two sites in Orange, one site in Seminole, two sites in Brevard and one site in Marion County. Future plans call for developing sites in Volusia.

"We're developing partnerships with local community colleges to offer more of our programs," said Grant. While ACE focuses on offering primarily bachelor's degrees and specialized certification programs, Grant said she hopes to add a few master's

degree programs within the next year.

ACE's offers bachelor of science degree programs in professional administration, information technology, public administration, health services administration, professional studies and liberal studies as well as post baccalaureate certifications in human resources, health services administration, information systems and public administration.

The Brevard County sites offer all but the liberal studies program. "There are so many techies we can't really get the liberal studies program off the ground there," Grant admitted.

The school of education offers primarily graduate programs, including master's and doctorate degree programs in educational leadership, human resource development and counseling. Its counseling specializations include marriage and family, couple, mental health and school counseling.

In January 2005, the school of education in Orlando began offering the bachelor's degree programs through what it calls the "2-plus-2" program, a partnership with Valencia Community College whereby students who complete a two-year associate's degree in education at the community college can complete their bachelor's degree at Barry.

Both ACE and the school of education design their class schedules and programs around the working professional, with

night and Saturday classes and degree programs arranged in such a way that students only attend classes one or two nights a week.

Both utilize a combination of full-time faculty and adjuncts who are professionals within their field. The idea is to provide insight into "real world" situations and experiences and how to make degrees count.

Since Barry University is a private school, cost to attend either school is typical of any private school. But Sister Hutchison and Grant both said that due to the nature of the programs, students are often able to secure some assistance from their employers and diverse financial aid packages are available.

People who come to the school having already earned associate's degrees can receive up to a 20 percent discount on tuition.

In keeping with its religious foundation, degree programs usually require students to take theology and philosophy and a certain level of community service prior to receiving their degrees.

*For information on Barry University's School of Education Orlando campus, call 321-235-8408 or visit [www.barry.edu/orlando](http://www.barry.edu/orlando). Contact ACE at one of the following locations: Merritt Island, 321-453-6253; Melbourne, 321-409-5553; Orlando south, 407-438-4150; Orlando east, 407-673-8400; Ocala, 352-854-2322, ext. 1805.*

## Barry offers 'real world' insight to working students

Julie Greene

ORLANDO

For Gloria Rivera, Barry University's Adrian Dominican School of Education in Orlando is making it possible for her to earn a doctorate in counseling while holding down a full-time counseling position at Catholic Charities Orlando.

"It's worked out for me because it's close to work and I can go straight from here to class," said Rivera, who also holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Central Florida and Rollins College, respectively.

Rivera is one of the growing number of professionals taking advantage of Barry University's expanded satellite programs that operate in and around central Florida. "Most people are working," Rivera said of her fellow counseling students. The Adrian Dominican School of Education offers primarily graduate programs at its Orlando campus on Alafaya Trail in east Orlando. "(The program) allows you to do both. A lot of classes are held once a week. It's a manageable

pace and though it's intense, it's doable."

Rivera has appreciated the professionalism of the faculty who brings with them extensive practical experience in the field. Rivera is in the process of completing her dissertation which explores how the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator personality profile, commonly used in business, education and team leadership development, can be used with engaged couples preparing for marriage.

"Barry has given me a lot of insight into different types of counseling techniques, intervention and skills that I can use in my job," she said.

The school of education's Orlando campus has developed good relationships with various ministries and departments within the Diocese or Orlando, including the Office of Schools. It has also exchanged referrals between Catholic Charities and its own on-site counseling center, where students get hands-on experience, under faculty supervision, in counseling lower-income residents using a

sliding-scale payment fee.

Barry University's Adult and Continuing Education Program (ACE), which has several satellite campuses across central Florida, has developed similar relationships with industry leaders in their respective disciplines, most notably with several companies connected to the space program in Brevard County.

Kim Serfozo, who works as a technical analyst with Boeing, is attending ACE's Merritt Island and Palm Bay campuses and is halfway toward earning her bachelor of science degree in public administration.

The 48-year-old mother of two adult children began working for what was then McDonnell Douglas, now Boeing, in 1980 and despite not having a degree, was able to move up through the company. But two years ago, as her youngest son was preparing to finish high school and begin college, Serfozo decided to pursue a long-awaited dream of earning a degree.

"After 30 years I was apprehensive about going back to school, but I

always said I would go back and felt this was the time," she said. After exploring several online degree programs, Serfozo decided to take her husband Rick's advice and attend Barry.

"One of the challenges with the online programs is that everything is done via the computer and by writing," she said. "He knew that I needed to be in a classroom setting where I could share my thoughts with other people and Barry offers me that opportunity."

"My husband is my biggest cheerleader," she said. An employee at United Space Alliance, Rick Serfozo received a bachelor's degree from Barry's ACE program and is now working on his master's through Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. His brother is also nearing completion of his degree at Barry as well. "If all goes well, there will be three of us who are Barry alums," said Kim Serfozo.

Still about a year away from earning her degree, Kim Serfozo has no regrets.

"I'm really enjoying it. In fact I took two courses this summer and

I plan to take three this fall," she said, admitting that the course load is heavier than most ACE students. "I'm anxious to get through it. I have a goal to get my degree before I'm 50."

ACE's portfolio program has been particularly helpful to people like the Serfozos since it gives course credit to professionals who have completed certification programs and trainings through their work.

Both Rivera and Serfozo have received financial assistance from their respective employers to pursue Barry's degree programs. Both feel their respective programs have helped them in their work; and for Serfozo, it's helped increase her potential for job security in the future. "While I have no plans to leave Boeing, with aspects of the space program changing there might come a time when I'll have to leave," she said. "Despite my work experience and all I've done, the one thing I've been missing is that little piece of paper. This way my résumé will measure up against anyone else's."



# Dioceses settle sex abuse allegation against two former priests

Julie Greene

ORLANDO

The dioceses of Orlando and St. Augustine have reached a settlement agreement with three victims of alleged clergy abuse who were abused by two former priests at San Pedro Retreat Center in Winter Park and St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Altamonte Springs more than 30 years ago.

According to officials from the Orlando Diocese, the diocese has agreed to pay \$750,000 of a \$1.5 million settlement reached with the three victims abused by Hubert Reason and Vernon Uhran.

"That these allegations of abuse occurred more than 30 years ago does not lessen the horror we feel at this betrayal of trust and the harm caused to the victims. We remain committed to helping every victim, and we pray for all those involved in these situations," said Bishop Thomas Wenski.

Carol Brinati, diocesan director of communications, said the settlement will be paid through insurance monies.

The sex abuse allegations came to the Orlando Diocese's attention in April. That same month, Bishop Wenski sent letters to the parishes where the two men had served — St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Altamonte Springs, St. Theresa Parish in Belleview and Resurrection Parish in Lakeland — to inform the parish communities of the allegations and encourage others who may have been victims of abuse to report the information.

Reason served as a priest in the Diocese of St. Augustine before the creation of the Diocese of Orlando in 1968. He served at St. Mary Magdalen Parish from approximately 1959 to 1965, when he moved to serve in the newly established Diocese of St. Petersburg. Reason died in 1984.

Uhran was removed from ministry and his faculties taken away in 1992 by then-Bishop Norbert M. Dorsey, CP, when an allegation of sexual abuse, not related to the settlement, was brought to his attention. Uhran served at St. Mary Magdalen from 1969 to 1973 and the two

other parishes before being removed in 1992.

Despite the current settlement, Brinati said the diocese denies claims made by the victims' attorneys, Herman and Mermelstein of Miami that the diocese was aware of previous claims of abuse made against the two men or that the diocese had moved the priests from parish to parish during their tenure in an effort to hide the abuse.

When the new allegations surfaced in April, Brinati said law enforcement was notified, even though Florida Reporting Law did not require this notification. Since Reason was already deceased, a report to law enforcement was not made on the allegations about him.

The diocesan policy regarding child sexual abuse labels it both criminal and sinful. "We follow the reporting laws of the state of Florida," said Brinati. "Our policy states that 'In the case of proven child sexual abuse, no one will be restored to a diocesan position.' If the individual committing child sexual abuse is a priest, he is removed from active ministry and his faculties are taken away."

Since 1997, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement or the Federal Bureau of Investigation has conducted criminal background checks on the diocese's priests, religious, employees and volunteers directly involved with vulnerable populations. To date, more than 51,660 individuals have been processed through the program.

The diocese established a response team in 1995, which includes a law enforcement representative, a mental health counselor, a parent, a victim and a priest. The team provides advice to the bishop on child sexual abuse education and prevention, as well as on individual cases.

"While no system is perfect," Brinati said, "we continue to make every effort to ensure the safety of our vulnerable populations. Beyond that, we encourage individuals to follow the state of Florida reporting laws, should they become victims of abuse or witness or have knowledge of abuse."

Anyone aware of misconduct connected to the Diocese of Orlando is encouraged to

report the information to law enforcement. They may also contact the diocese's victim

assistance coordinator, Sister Lucy Vazquez, OP, at 407-246-4825.

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# AROUND THE Diocese

## Spiritual events

**Pray rosary for life:** Third and fifth Saturdays, 7 a.m., abortion facility on Lucerne Terrace in downtown Orlando. St. Augustine's Respect Life Committee invites fellow Catholics to join them in praying the rosary. 407-699-4328.

**Novena invitation:** A perpetual novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, Blessed Sacrament Parish, 5135 N. U.S. Highway 1, Cocoa. All are invited. 321-632-6333.

**Healing service with Eucharist:** 7 p.m., fourth Thursdays of the month, San Pedro Center, 2400 Dike Road, Winter Park. Includes time for praise and worship, intercessory prayer, the laying of hands and sacrament of anointing of the sick. 407-671-6322.

## Meetings, other events

**"Guys and Dolls" parish production:** Dinner theater, 6 p.m., July 22-23; additional shows 2 p.m., July 24 and Aug. 7; and 7:30 p.m., July 29, 30, Aug. 5 and 6. All shows will be at St. Stephen Catholic Church, 575 Tuskawilla Road, Winter Springs. Production is by Acts of Faith, an outreach community ministry for teens and young adults in the parish and wider community. Cost: dinner theater, \$20; matinees, \$5; evening shows, \$10 per person. Reservations recommended for dinner theater. 407-699-5683.

**Crown Financial Ministries:** Orientation for next 10-week Bible study, 7 p.m., July 25, Parish Life Center, St. Margaret Mary, Winter Park. Classes will begin Monday, Aug. 15, teaching biblical principles for managing all our resources. Advance registration requested. Contact: Marty Crean, 407-898-7370.

**Holy Family flea market:** 8 a.m.-2 p.m., July 30, social hall, Holy Family Catholic Church, 5125 S. Apopka-Vineland Road, Orlando. Sponsored by the St. Martin de Porres Circle of Council of Catholic Women. Proceeds will go to overseas missions. Contact: Joan Burke, 407-351-1874.

**Suicide awareness and prevention seminar:** 7 p.m., July 27, Education Building, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Apopka. The Support Training Advocacy Resource (STAR) Project will present a program on suicide awareness and prevention. Everyone is welcome, and this presentation should be of special interest to parents, grandparents, teachers, mentors and catechists and Catholic youth ministers of junior and senior high students. Contact: Mary Braun, 407-862-4202.

**Secular Franciscan meeting:** A Secular Franciscan fraternity meets fourth Saturdays, 10 a.m., Queen of Peace parish hall, Ocala. Secular Franciscans commit themselves by promise, not vow, to live the Gospel life of Jesus Christ in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. 352-854-5647 or 352-751-0747.

**Secular Franciscan order, St. Francis Fraternity:** First Sundays, 12:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Parish, youth building, Apopka. 407-736-0472 and leave a phone number for a return call.

**Most Precious Blood Spanish ministry:** Small Christian community meetings, third Fridays, 7:30 p.m. 407-366-0496. Scripture, rosary recited in Spanish on Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. 407-366-6523.

**Statewide Pilgrimage to Virgin of Antipolo:** 2 p.m., July 24, Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine, 8300 Vineland Ave., Orlando. Bishop Thomas G. Wenski invites all Filipinos in Florida to take part. Contacts: Father Peter Puntal, 407-847-2500; Father Felicito Baybay, 407-876-2211.

**Free Immigration advice:** Beginning in July, Seminole County Legal Aid Society, 101 W. Palmetto Ave., Longwood. This program is for low-income Seminole County residents. Screening and eligibility requirements do apply. 407-834-1660.

**Rummage sale fund-raiser:** 7 a.m.-6 p.m., July 29, and 7 a.m.-2 p.m., July 30, Blessed Trinity Parish, 4545

Anderson Road, Orlando. Sponsored by the Blessed Trinity Council of Catholic Women, the rummage sale's proceeds will benefit a variety of local charities, including seminarian expenses, JMJ Life Center, Harbor House and local homeless and needy within the parish community. 321-231-3303.

**Pathways to Care fund-raiser:** The Glass Slipper Fashion Show and Luncheon, 10:30 a.m., Aug. 11, Tuskawilla Country Club, 1500 Winter Springs Blvd., Winter Springs. Fashions by Dillard's at Oviedo Marketplace, Chanel and Mitchell Wade Hair Salon. Proceeds will benefit Pathways to Care, a 40-bed nonprofit respite center. WESH-TV's Pat Clarke will serve as master of ceremonies. Tickets: \$45 for individuals; or limited number of tables for 10 for \$500. Contact: Marie Coln, 407-365-8463.

**5K charity race:** Aug. 20, Orlando. Bishop Moore High School will sponsor a charity race to benefit the high school's basketball coach, Rob Graham, and his family. Registration information: www.miracleinthesun5k.org.

**Respect Life presentation:** "The Science and Ethics of Stem Cells and Cloning," Aug. 20, 6:30-8 p.m., auditorium, Holy Family Parish, 5125 S. Apopka-Vineland Road, Orlando, FL 32819. Speaker: Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, director of education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center. Sponsored by the diocesan Respect Life Office and Orlando chapter of the Florida Catholic Medical Association. Free. 407-246-4819 or respectlife@orlandodiocese.org.

**Early call for crafters:** St. Thomas Aquinas Council of Catholic Women is seeking crafters to participate in its seventh annual holiday bazaar Nov. 12 and 13 at the parish, U.S. Highway 192 and Brown Chapel Road, St. Cloud. Booth space may be rented for \$40 if reserved by Nov. 5, \$50 after that date. For an application and/or details, 407-891-2234.

**Knights of Columbus Squires:** Msgr. Bishop Circle 1400 Columbian Squires meets the third Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Msgr. Bishop Knights of Columbus Council Hall 2112, 5727 Cornelia Ave., Orlando. This monthly meeting is

open to young men ages 10 to 17. Contact: Bill Ramer, chief counselor, 407-896-3992 or 407-334-4056 or visit the council's Web site at <http://www.angelfire.com/art3/monsignorbishop/>.

## Ministries and support groups

**Bereavement support groups:** 10-11:30 a.m., Thursdays in the Parish Life Building, St. Mary Magdalen Parish, 861 Maitland Ave., Altamonte Springs. 407-831-1212; 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Holy Redeemer Parish, 1603 N. Thacker Ave., Kissimmee. Free. 407-846-2033; 7 p.m. Thursdays, St. Augustine Catholic Church, 375 N. Sunset Drive, Casselberry. Free. 407-331-2829.

**VITAS bereavement support groups:** 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays (ongoing), Nativity Catholic Church, 3255 Ronald Reagan Blvd., Longwood. Free. 407-691-4549.

**Ministry of Mothers' Sharing facilitator training:** All day, Aug. 13, St. Augustine Parish, Casselberry; or Sept. 17, Orlando location to be announced. This all-day workshop brings forth and enhances the facilitator skills desired to serve. Contact: Anne, 407-246-4868.

**Support group for separated and divorced:** 7 p.m., Mondays, Holy Redeemer, Kissimmee. 407-846-3700.

**Singles, Separated, Widowed and Divorced group:** 7 p.m., first and third Fridays of the month in parish center, Church of Our Saviour, 5301 N. Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach. 321-452-4630.

**New Beginnings:** Begins July 25 at St. Stephen Parish, 575 Tuskawilla Road, Winter Springs. This is a support group for separated and divorced. Advance registration requested. 352-360-1252.

**Mental health:** Recovery Inc., a self-help support group serving those struggling with stress, panic attacks, depression, fears and other nervous symptoms. There are five ongoing weekly meetings in Orlando. Good Shepherd Parish hosts two of the meetings. One is Spanish-speaking. Free. For information call Mary Reetz at 407-660-2003 or Sheila Rabel at 407-568-3998.

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## Same-sex support groups:

- Courage, spiritual support groups for persons with same-sex attractions striving to lead chaste lives in accordance with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Contact: Father Patrick O'Doherty, 352-854-2181.

- Always Our Children of Ascension and Our Saviour parishes, a support group for parents, families and friends. 7:30 p.m., Our Saviour Parish, Cocoa Beach. 321-773-5258 or 321-242-1951.

## Birthright of Cocoa Beach:

New location, 412 W. Cocoa Beach Causeway, Cocoa Beach. Birthright of Cocoa Beach is a nonprofit crisis-pregnancy center which offers free pregnancy tests and assists pregnant women and young mothers with their babies. It regularly accepts donations of used baby clothes up to 24 months old. Hours: Monday-Thursday, Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 321-783-8102 or toll-free hotline, 1-800-550-4900.

## Volunteers

**St. Maria Goretti Maternity Home, Ocala,** seeks donation of a van in good working condition. The van is used to help operate the home and transport residents to work, school, doctors' appointments. The home is a nonprofit charitable institution and donations are tax deductible. 352-861-9549.

**Building volunteers needed:** The diocesan Mission Office still needs volunteers to assist with its goal of building homes in the Dominican Republic. 407-246-4890.

**Meals on Wheels:** Volunteers needed to deliver hot meals to homebound seniors. 407-333-8877 or visit our Web site at [www.meals.org](http://www.meals.org) for more information.

**Notre Dame-Americorps:** This nationally based, long-term mission volunteer program seeks participants for its Apopka site through the Office of Farmworker Ministry and the Florida Farmworker Association. Participants receive a living stipend, health insurance, room and board and the opportunity to receive an educational award after working the required number of service hours. Contact: Sister Ann Kendrick, SNDdeN, 407-886-5151.

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